

Sirs/Madams:

As Chair of our town's Planning Board and President of West County Community Radio, which is applying for a permit to construct and operate an LPFM station in our town, I want to communicate to you how strongly I believe LPFM would benefit our area.

Currently there exists no media which provides a forum for the discussion of local issues critical to our region. An LPFM station would provide just that, allowing local news and issues to be fully explored and thoughtfully commented on, and allowing public forums to debate these issues. LPFM would allow our town to discuss and debate our budgets, the conservation of local natural resources, zoning bylaw revisions, etc. LPFM would also allow local literary artists and musicians to broadcast their work, and would allow local schools to study media by creating their own programming. Thank you. J.Cohen